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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB
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Newsletter



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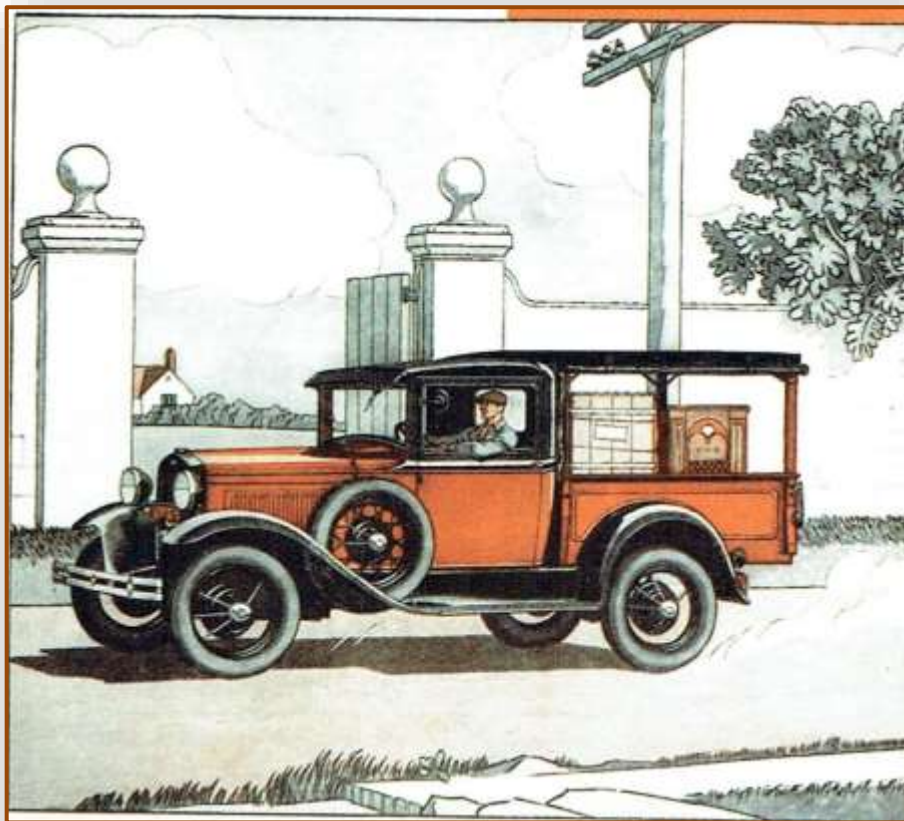
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MARC Award of Excellence - 2023, 2024

November, 2025

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"Great transport for pumpkins and turkeys!"

Southside A's 2025 Board of Directors*

Officers:

Director: Steve Vied* 678-477-6105
srvied@gmail.com

Vice-Director: Tom Romine* 770-527-4039
modelatom@comcast.net

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steve2394@gmail.com

Treasurer: Nive Atkins* 864-525-6364
Niva@charter.net

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Past Dir./Advisor:
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nosomi2@gmail.com

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(Mike Shotwell, unpaid consultant)
gwynshot@aol.com 805-890-5195

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Terry Atkins*

Committee Chairpersons:

Tech Chair: Tom Romine

Membership: Nive Atkins

Mileage keeper: Pat Tyler

Webmaster: Pat Tyler

Art Direction: Mike Shotwell

****Board Meeting Minutes:** We will now be posting our Board Meeting Minutes on the website each month. Simply go to the website and click on the link under "About" on the home page, or [click here](#).

2025 Southside A's Club Events

November 8	Annual Business Meeting
December ?	Holiday activity TBD

Looking Ahead

January 3, 2026	12 th Night Luncheon, location TBD
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Editor's Note:

The Rome Fall Tour was a wonderful success! Along with Southside A's members, we had participants from Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. And a congenial group it was. You can read about it inside.

Check out the recap for our Southern Belle Farm outing, as well. Perfect weather for sharing our cars.

Don't forget the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 8. Besides conducting our business we'll have a tasty lunch, topped off with desserts hand crafted by Nive Atkins! Info is inside, in case you haven't signed up yet.

Here's wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving.

—Gwyneth



**Turn back your clocks on
Saturday night, November 1**

Happy Birthday!

4th – Mike Shotwell
8th – Walt Smith
9th – Taylor Merrill
17th – Liz Romine
18th – Joe Fagundes
18th – Terry Atkins
19th – Jenny Smith
25th – Benny Bohanan
29th – Steve Vied



Happy Anniversary!

11th – Dick & Pam Carne
17th – Joe & Betty Fagundes
21st – Tom & Liz Romine
26th – Pat & Pam Tyler



Thoughts from Our Director

Hello Southside Model A Members,

Autumn is here and bringing some enjoyable weather as we enter into the Holidays.

On October 4, we had four Model A's travel to McDonough, Ga. to visit Southern Belle Farms. The farm is on 300 plus acres with lots of activities for the family and especially for children. They served up some very good BBQ! One of our favorite events to see was the pig races. I was surprised to see pigs compete.

Our Fall Tour was to North Georgia October 14-17. We spent four unforgettable days in and around Rome, Ga. We got a tour of the Savoy Car Museum in Cartersville followed by a walk through the Booth Western Art Museum. Next we drove to New Echota Historic Site. Both places had a lot of history to share. Thank you to the planning committee. You did a fantastic job!

Please remember Pat Tyler in your thoughts and prayers. He was released from the hospital.

Enjoy this Fall Season and the falling leaves.

--Steve

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.

---Walt Disney

Visit our website!

Southsideas.com

Join us on Facebook!



Item of interest!

International Model A Day, 2025 PATCHES:

Tom Romine still has five patches available, \$5 each.

Contact: 770-527-4039, ModelATom@comcast.net



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

This is the time when we elect the Officers and other Board Members who will serve for 2026. The Nominating Committee will offer this year's slate, and nominations can also be offered from the floor.



Come and participate in YOUR club!

Our main order of business will be voting for Board positions for 2025. The nominating committee, consisting of Mike Shotwell, Jim Wingo, and Steve Vied, has developed the following slate:

Director – Steve Vied

Vice Director- Tom Romine

Secretary- Steve Searock

Treasurer- Niva Atkins

Member-at-large - Terry Atkins

Newsletter Editor - Gwyneth Shotwell

Past Director- Jim Wingo

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.

PLACE: *Line Creek Brewery - Private Room*

150 Huddleston Rd., Peachtree City

TIME: *11:30 - Board Meeting (join us, if you like)*

12:00 - Annual Business Meeting

12:30 - Lunch, provided by Mooving Café

COST: \$20/per person, at the door. Checks preferred, made out to club.

RSVP: By Sunday, November 2, to Steve Searock, steve2394@gmail.com



DUES ARE DUE! (past due on January 15)

Please send your check, made out to "Southside A's" to:

Nive Atkins

156 Taylor Len Dr.

LaGrange, GA 30240

Dues are **\$20** for the year.

*If any of your personal info has changed, please include with your check.

**Make sure your MARC dues are renewed, too.

Suggestion! Bring your dues to the Annual Meeting November 8!

Southern Belle Farm

Recap by Gwyneth Shotwell
Photos courtesy of the Vieds and Ellen Ferris



Fall is the time when pumpkins, sunflowers, and corn mazes signal annual Fall Festivals. In fact, the 20th Anniversary of that festival at Southern Belle Farm in McDonough was our destination on October 4th. A small but might group of four Model A's, carrying the Shotwells, Vieds, Steve Searock, and Fred Huey, made their way from Fayetteville to the Farm to add to the festivities. We were met there by Terry & Nive Atkins, Bob & Cheryl Simpson with grandson Walker, and Jim & Geraldine Nichols with their daughter, Ellen Ferris. So Southside A's was well represented!

Our cars were given a place of honor within sight of the famous pig races, a hugely popular event, repeated four times during the day. The crowd got to cheer on their favorite pink porcine as they ran, jumped into water for a swim, and hoofed it to the finish line. Great fun!

Everyone enjoyed sampling foods, shopping in the country market, learning about bees, making giant bubbles, and generally taking in this beautiful farm, with green lawns, red barns, cornucopia displays, and more. We thank Farm for hosting us so generously, for which trust the "old cars" added a little something to the day.





Photos, top row: the Shotwells with the Farm mascot; Bob & Cheryl Simpson, and grandson, Walker; Steve & Ardith Vied.

Second row: Geraldine & Jim Nichols, daughter, Ellen Ferris, kneeling; the Atkins and Shotwells.

Third row: The design of the corn maze, from above; Founder of the Farm, "Jimmy" Carter; pumpkins in the field.

Left: A typical scene, just for good measure – Steve Searock, Mike Shotwell and Steve Vied give needed moral support to Fred Huey.

Southside A's Fall Tour!

Recap by Jim Wingo

On October 14th, under picture-perfect autumn skies, members of the Southside A's hit the road alongside friends from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama for a scenic tour through Rome, Cartersville, and the beautiful North Georgia countryside.

Eleven Model A Fords and twenty-three enthusiastic travelers made the journey, visiting some remarkable spots along the way — the Savoy Automobile Museum, with its stunning collection of classic cars spanning decades of automotive design; the Booth Western Art Museum, featuring breathtaking artwork celebrating the American West; and Oak Hill Museum and Mansion, the beloved home of educator Martha Berry. The trip also included a guided tour of New Echota near Calhoun, the reconstructed capital of the Cherokee Nation and a place full of important history.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time exploring the Rome area and learning more about the region's rich past. To wrap up the adventure, the group gathered for a delightful farewell dinner at Harvest Moon Restaurant on October 17th. Best of all, every Model A performed flawlessly—no breakdowns, just great company, beautiful cars, and wonderful memories.



The whole group in front of a fabulous Remington sculpture at the Booth Western Art Museum.

A photo sampler of the tour is on the following pages.

Most of these are from our unofficial photographer, **Ardith Vied**. Her talent is evident, and we thank her for sharing with us!





Morning briefing.



Savoy Automobile Museum, Cartersville



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Booth Western Art Museum, Cartersville



Martha Berry Museum & Home, Rome

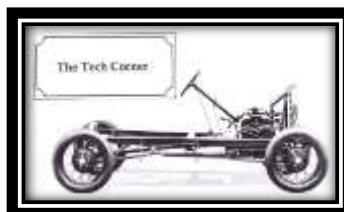




New Echota Cherokee Nation, Calhoun



Rock Garden, Calhoun
(optional venue)



The Tech Corner

A tip from Jim Cannon From the MAFCA *Flying Quail*

"Refueling With a Gas Can"

Sometimes I find it more convenient to go get 5 gallons of gas with a gas can for my Model A than it is to drive down to the gas station with the car to fuel it up.

But a 5-gallon can full of gas weighs over 30 pounds, and lifting it up to the gas cap on the Model A and controlling the can's spout as it enters the gas tank (without spilling gas all over the place!!!) can be a real challenge. Even with a helper to guide the spout into the tank as you go, it can be a mess.

My brother turned me on to this tip (thanks, Kevin!): For about \$20, you can purchase a small battery powered fuel transfer pump that will put the gas into your car in about a minute or two. This little thing is amazing!



You rest the gas can on the splash apron and fender (put a towel under it) and put the pump body into the gas can. Hold the pump outlet inside the gas tank filler opening with one hand and switch on the pump with the other hand. In no time at all the gas can is empty and you switch the pump off. Carefully remove the pump outlet from the tank and point it up to prevent fuel in the hose from dripping on your car. It's that easy, and a one-person operation.

On a car with side-mount spares, you can rest the gas can on the spare tire and hold it there, instead of resting on the splash apron and fender. It works just the same.

As an added bonus, you can quickly pump most of the old fuel OUT of a Model A gas tank with this pump, and into a 5-gallon gas can, if the need arises. I have done that, too.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

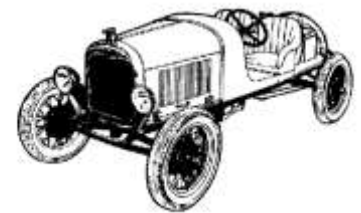
October 2025

MARC your calendars for the 2026 MARC National Meet at the magnificent French Lick Resort, July 12-16. Venture on tours to the Red Skelton Museum, historic New Harmony, and Jasper Engine plant. Or try classic adventures such as French Lick scenic railway, Patoka Lake cruises, and Amish/German country tours. For an active experience, enjoy the resort's new pickleball courts, quick-play (75 minute) 9-hole golf course, and West Baden bowling pavilion. This isn't just a Meet, it's a journey through history, full of Hoosier charm and new excitement!

All, we are compiling a list of members who have Model A mechanical knowledge and a desire to help other Model A owners or be a resource to MARC to answer questions from members either via email, phone call or through a MARC forum. Please email your information to Larry Shepard, including your name, phone number, email and include your area of expertise at marctech@modelarestorers.org. For example; Jim Zimmer, 614-353-8236, jwzimmer9119@gmail.com, tire pressure.

Regions, don't forget that ANY member of your Region who has never been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month membership (digital *Model A News*). Also, young adults age 18-25 not living at home qualify as well! It's easy to enroll. Just call 734-427-9050 during normal EST business hours.

Consider hosting a MARC national meet. Our national tours are very popular as there are no seminars, no swap meet, no judging, no formalities. Just drive your Model A and have fun! Contact any Board member for information and to get you started. Other Model Aers would love to see your part of the country in their cars! We're also looking for Regions to host Membership Meets—we do not have a host for 2027 yet and would be happy to assist with your questions and comments.



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MAFFI Minute October 2025

Model A Days was a great experience for all who attended! There were a total of 1100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the museum, including the Garage Learning Center. 210 model A's took over the Gilmore in support of the event as well as a registered 80 swap vendors at the swap meet making this the largest swap meet to date!

The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson, and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects such as the "My A Program" as well as the memorial bricks as well.

If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or the see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website.

It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!

John Grossheim

MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 31, 2025:	\$3,204.03
Deposits:	-0-
Expenses:	-0-
Balance as of September 30, 2025:	\$3,204.03



NATIONAL EVENTS – 2025 & 2026



For Sale/Wanted

FOR SALE:

1931 Model A Mail Truck. Has a bench seat, but original seat is available. This is a fine Mail A Mail Truck. Comes with 30's mailman uniform, mail bags, and Mail Truck mailbox. I've driven it on Talladega Motor Speedway. Runs, drives and stops with no issues. It does have fiberglass fenders. Other than that it is pretty much original; has the security wire and curtains on the rear door. Oxford, AL. **Asking \$25,000.00**
Call 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com
Gerald Grizzard



FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCTION!

1930 Model A four door Town Sedan, dual side mounts; rebuilt starter, distributor, carburetor, battery disconnect, new wiring harness, turn signals, new 2 blade fan, new coil, brakes have been gone through; mains & rods bearings have been tightened. Nice driver; paint is presentable; steel body; cranks, runs and drives with no issues. Oxford, AL. **Asking \$14,500.00**
Call 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com
Gerald Grizzard



FOR SALE:

Slightly used Float-a- motor FRONT motor mount.
Asking \$50.00. New ones go for \$ 75.00
Contact: Tom Romine 770 527-4039



FOR SALE:

1928 Leather Back Fordor Sedan

Complete frame off restoration. Excellent condition. Runs and handles well. Regularly driven; always garaged. Rose beige original color.

Asking \$31,500

Contact: David Hadden 770-539-1742
davidonnahadden@gmail.com Buford, GA



FOR SALE: 1930 Georgia License Plates.

Unrestored and Restored. Singles, pairs, and sequentially numbered plates available. **Email Jim Hunter** at ytguy@aol.com or call (770) 710-2153



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WANTED:

The late 1927 Model A Ford crank with FORD script on the middle (angle) bar, 11/16" lug nut socket, 8 inch throw-offset, 90 degree pin position.

Contact: Bill Nitschke, cell (914)-323-8958, williamjnitschke@gmail.com

WANTED:

A 2012 **Model A Day patch** to complete my collection. I will purchase the patch or trade a 2024 Model A Day patch.

Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com

NEED A CLUB NAME TAG?

The price is \$8 each, which covers the tag, tax and shipping.

Here's how to place your order:

1. EMAIL your name(s), and City/State as you would like them to appear, PLUS your mailing address for delivery, to **Pat Tyler:** pat@patpamtyler.com.

2. Send your check at **\$8 each**, made out to **SOUTHSIDE A's**, to:

Nive Atkins
156 Taylor Len Drive
LaGrange, GA 30240



Club Items

Club Banners: We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. \$15/each.

Call Jim Hunter @ (770) 710-2153 or ytguy@aol.com



Application for Club Membership

Southside A's Membership

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Business) _____ (Cell) _____

Occupation _____ E-mail _____

Please list Model A's you own (You do not have to own a Model A to join our club)

YEAR	BODY STYLE	ENGINE and/or VIN No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Membership Dues: \$20.00. (See below for National Dues, if necessary.)

Applicant's Signature _____

_____ Date

*NOTE: Applicants approved for membership at the November or December Board Meetings shall be considered paid for the following year.

Send application, along with check made out to "Southside A's," to: Niva Atkins, 156 Taylor Len Dr, LaGrange, GA 30240

Membership in the national Model A Restorers Club (M.A.R.C.) required. Are you a member?

() YES Please furnish membership Number _____

() No Please complete application below for National M.A.R.C. membership

Model "A" Restorer's Club
6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$50.00/YR
SEND DIRECTLY TO ADDRESS ABOVE

NAME (print) _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

(Membership in Southside A's requires membership in MARC, as well.)

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

P.O. Box 498, Howell, Michigan 48844

(734) 427-9050 Office

(734) 427-9054 Fax

modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

Membership Application 1 Year Term

☐ U.S. Membership \$50.00

☐ U.S. Air Mail \$62.00

☐ Canada \$60.00

☐ International \$70.00

☐ Digital Only Membership \$50.00

Call office for Youth Membership and Surviving Spouse
Membership

Make checks payable to: Model "A" Restorers Club or (M.A.R.C.)

All checks must be payable in U.S. funds. U.S. funds must be stamped on the check and drawn from a U.S. bank. International Money Orders in U.S. Funds are also accepted.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

EXP Date _____ CVV Code # _____ Phone # _____

Membership # _____ If renewing Region (If member) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

I give permission to publish my phone number in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

☐ Yes ☐ No Phone: _____

I give permission to publish my email in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

☐ Yes ☐ No Email: _____

Model A Restorers Club Purpose:

The purpose of the Model "A" Restorer's Club is to encourage its members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicles (models 1928-1931) and all things pertaining to the historical information, and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among its members.

The Southside A's Newsletter:

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New Membership

Name_____

Spouse's Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip_____

Country_____ Telephone_____

Permission to publish my telephone number in
future Membership Rosters? Yes: ___ No: ___

Gift Membership

Name_____

Spouse's Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip_____

Country_____ Telephone_____

Return this form and payment to:
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